



# City of Tucson Ward 5 Newsletter

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Dear Friends:

My staff and I want to wish everyone, a Happy Halloween. When you go Trick or Treating on Thursday, October 31, here are some Halloween Safety Tips for you:

Swords, knives, and similar costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible. Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult. Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.

Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat. Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. Always WALK and don't run from house to house.

Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation. Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible. Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses. Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.

Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls. Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers. Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Don't stop at dark houses.

Thank you.

Your Ward 5 Councilmember.



### Opportunities For Ward 5

When running to serve as your Ward 5 Councilmember, I heard from constituents in neighborhoods that I was walking, that they needed jobs to earn a paycheck to feed their family and they wanted to be able to shop for the goods they need without having to drive to the far north side or east side of the City.

With my work on bringing in and expanding several dozen businesses, changing the development guidelines, ending economic red-lining has shown that Ward 5 is a thriving market with more than 10,000 jobs having been created. I have done this for our students in the Sunnyside School District and TUSD, as well as the good citizens to have the employment opportunities, as well as they no longer have to travel to shop, get medical attention and buy groceries.

Thanks to the work I had done previously and the results, Raytheon announced that they were adding 1,000 more jobs to bring their expansion to a total of 2,975 jobs. GEICO is in the process of expanding their workforce by 700, bringing their work force total to 2,800. I attended a dedication for a remodeling of a fast food restaurant and worked to get a locally-owned grocery store to be able to open in an area in Ward 5 that needs it.



Why I am writing about this, because in addition to helping the good citizens of Ward 5, providing potential jobs and opportunities, this will help the City of Tucson pay for the four core services stated in the Tucson City Charter: police, fire, streets and parks.

To pay for police, fire, streets and parks, the City of Tucson relies on sales tax revenues generated from businesses and from the purchases of the good citizens of Tucson.

The City of Tucson does not have the luxury like the Pima County Board of Supervisors, who can raise property taxes to generate revenue. Also, the Tucson City Charter requires that financial questions must go to the voters for a vote.

With more businesses opening and businesses expanding their operations, creating more jobs, generating more sales and city sales tax revenue, more roads are repaired, more public safety (police and fire) positions are created and filled, and our parks and recreation centers are updated and programs expanded, it is a win-win for Ward 5 and for Tucson.



### 30th Annual LULAC/FBI Community Service Awards

On Friday, October 11, The 30th Annual LULAC and FBI Community Service Awards took place at the Viscount Suites Hotel. Individuals were honored for their work and efforts to better the lives of those in our community. Stephen Farina with the FBI delivered the keynote address and handed out the FBI Community Service Awards. Mayor Jonathan Rothschild, Vice Mayor Shirley Scott and Councilmember Regina Romero were recognized for their work on the Council and for our community.

Here is the list of people honored at the 30th Annual FBI LULAC Community Service Awards: Santino Almazan, Victor Altamirano, John Avila, Lucille Boyle, Raymond Burgess, Sonia Camacho, Barry Gene Campbell, Maria Vianey Valdez-Cardenas, James Carroll, Robert L. Castillo, Mike Corral, William Corrales, Jon Covington, Jake Andrew Crismon, Sean Critchley, Kristen Culliney, Anthony De La Ossa, Mel M. Dominguez, Bill Finch, Sam Freeman, Frankie Galloway, Miguel Garcia, Andi Rodriguez-Garcia, Nancy Liliana Godoy, Gloria Hamelitz-Lopez, Alicia Heiserer Federico, Heather A. Hocker, Jerry Wayne Holland, Stanley Holmes, Engel F. Indo, Angel Lopez, Victor Lopez, Enrique Lozado, Andy Luna, Luis Luna,



Annette Maynes, Palmer Rollin Miller, Phil Miller, Veronica Moreno, Juan Orduño, Dominic Ortega, Adolfo "Chuck" Peralta, Peter Polsgrove, Ruben Quintana, Vicente Rivera, Patrick R. Robles, Bennet Simonsen, Julissa R. Torres, Adrian Torrez, Rudy Trinidad, Robert Tunila, Robert Urbina, Alana Varner, Rosemary Vizcaino, Joseph Axle Wood, Francisco Yañez, Henry Zappia, Peter Norback, De Anna Barber, Ruth Ann Smithrud, Andy Squire, John Strader, Larry Cesare, Jerry Neely, Ricardo (Scooby) Fernandez, Terry Nierzwicki, Brent Dennis, Francisco Arenas, Maria Federico-Brummer, Roxanna Lucero, Jackie Gill, Jennifer Wellborn, Robert Ramirez, Adriana Martinez, Ron Wilson, Jesus E. Licon, Alma Gallardo, Blake Guerrero, Joseph Madrid,

Victoria Barajas, Veronica Castro-Vega, Vanessa Hernandez, Pam Park, Ivonne Ramirez, Javier Herrera, Ed Nossam, Rafael Meza, Angelica Muñoz, Erika Elias, Brian Eller, Ann Yellott, Brent DeRaad, Melissa Acuña, Dustin Williams, Walter Richter, Rene Pacheco, Raul Piña, Greg Taylor, Doug Yonko, Vanessa Seaney, Mark Kerr, Mary Kuchar, Lupita Robles, John Kalil, Danielle Bautista, Bruce Burke, Lee Lambert, Humberto S. Lopez, Don Bourn, Thomas Boyle, Tracy Smalling.

Congratulations to all who were honored.

Thank you to the Viscount Suites Hotel for providing a great venue and lunch.



### McDonald's Remodeling Ribbon Cutting

On Tuesday, October 15, I attended the ribbon cutting for the remodeling of the McDonald's at 3105 East Valencia in Ward 5. Congratulations to Roger Canchola and his team on a job well done. This location employs 50 people and will be able to expand its operations and workforce, with this remodeling.



### Union Pacific Big Boy Train in Tucson

On Thursday, October 17, I had the privilege of speaking at the Union Pacific 4104 Big Boy Train arrival in Tucson.

It was great to see a big crowd, including Mayor Bob Walkup, out for the arrival. The Union Pacific Big Boy train, which was built in 1941 and the last Big Boy Train still in commercial use. The Big Boy Train helped Tucson to send commerce across the country. Congratulations to Ken Karrells and the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum and Union Pacific for their successful event.



### OPCS Lend-A-Hand Luncheon Held; Tucson HWP Recognized

On Thursday, October 17, I attended the 10th annual Old Pueblo Community Services Lend-A-Hand Luncheon took place at the TCC. The Tucson Homeless Work Program was lauded for its success. I want to congratulate Tom Litwicki, CEO of Old Pueblo Community Services and the staff for their successful event. To make a donation to the Tucson Homeless Work Program, go online to [helptucson.org](http://helptucson.org).

### GSAAC 25th Annual Dinner

I had the privilege of attending the 25th Annual GSAAC 9th and 10th Cavalry Dinner that was held at the Dunbar Auditorium which took place Saturday evening, October 19. This dinner is a fund raiser for the Buffalo Soldiers Group, for which the monies go towards educational scholarships and for the Buffalo Soldiers Memorial, which is being built at the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center. Congratulations to the Buffalo Soldiers on their 25th Annual Dinner.

### Santa Rosa Rec Center Halloween Party

Also on Saturday, October 19, the staff of the Santa Rosa Rec Center held their annual Halloween Party. Children from surrounding neighborhoods were able to go Trick or Treating at the Center.

I want to congratulate Terry Newitzki and the staff at Santa Rosa for their successful event.

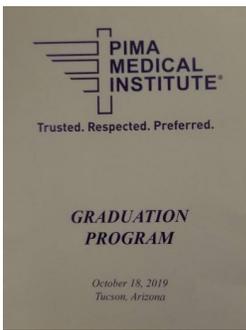




**Quincie Douglas Halloween Spooktacular**

On Friday, October 18, more than 3,000 kids and their families came out for the Quincie Douglas Trunk and Treat Halloween Spooktacular at the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center.

A great time was had by all. Congratulations to the organizers and Jerry Neely and the staff at the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center for their work on this Halloween event.



**Congratulations Pima Medical Institute Class of 2019!**

On Friday, October 18, I had the privilege of speaking to, the Pima Medical Institute's Graduating Class for 2019, at their ceremony at the TCC Music Hall. There were 240 people who received their degrees for Pima Medical Institute's various medical programs. It was great to see so many striving to better themselves through education. Education is the key to success. Congratulations to the graduates from Pima Medical Institute's Class of 2019.



**Tenth Annual Kings of Cookin' Event Held**

On Saturday, October 19, at the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center, the tenth annual Kings of Cookin' Event took place. The event brought together many African American groups and organizations, as well as raising money for scholarships and awareness on issues concerning African American youth. I was proud to honor the following people at the event for their work in the community and academically: Serenity Elder, Stephanie Twadje, Aaron Kuzdal, Calvin Terrell, Minister Trehon Coleman, Pastor Dr. Da'Mond T. Holt, Nikeia Johnson, Sterling Earley and Andres Portillo. I want to thank the Kings of Cookin' organizers as well as Jerry Neely and the staff of the Quincie Douglas Center.



**Ricardo Pineda Farewell**

On October 24, our community held a reception for the Mexican Consul General, Ricardo Pineda, who is leaving his post in Tucson and will be going to the Consulate that is located in Douglas, Arizona.



Ricardo Pineda has been a pleasure to work and during his time here in Tucson, he has strengthened the relationship between our communities. I gave Consul General Pineda the Ward 5 Certificate of Appreciation and the Ward 5 Medallion of Hope. His leadership, knowledge and expertise will be missed.

**Veterans Prayer**

“Dear Lord, today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country.

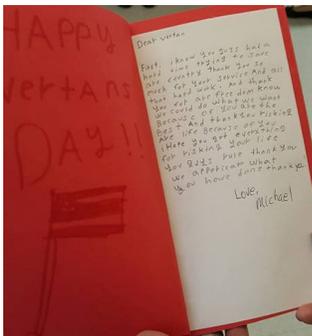
“We pray that you will bless them and keep them safe Lord, for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country’s heritage, for all of us. “Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made for their many different contributions to America’s victories over tyranny and oppression.

“We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them, and we pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness. In Jesus’ name we pray; Amen. “This month, let us remember all of the veterans and give thanks for their sacrifices that keep our country safe. God bless all of our troops and may He watch over them forever.”

Thank you to the families of those who served our nation in the military. To all those who served and paid the ultimate sacrifice, God bless you and you are not forgotten.

**Ward 5 To Honor & Thank Veterans**

On Friday, November 8, I along with a contingent of elected officials and representatives will go to the Southern Arizona V.A., to give thank you cards and letters to Veterans that were made by students in Ward 5 and across Tucson and Pima County.



My office does this every Memorial Day and Veteran’s Day to thank those who have served our country and also to instill the values of patriotism in our school children.

I want to thank the schools who are participating again for this project. You have brightened up many lives with you cards and letters.



### Fifth Annual Veterans Recognition Luncheon

On Sunday, November 10, the Fifth Annual Veterans Recognition Luncheon will take place at the Kaycee Club, located at 601 S. Tucson Blvd. The community has submitted names of individuals who have served this nation in the armed services and this luncheon is to thank them for their service and recognize them for the commitment they had made. We must never forget the sacrifices and efforts our veterans have made and we can't forget freedom comes with a price. Tickets are \$10, Veterans can attend free. **For more information, please call 903-2838.**



#### Veterans' Day Recognition Luncheon Event

The KC Club cordially invites all members and friends to attend our Veterans' Day Remembrance Event, which will take place:

Sunday, November 10, 2019  
2:00PM-6:00PM

Meal Cost: \$10.00 per person—Veterans free  
Knights of Columbus Building/KC Club, 601 S. Tucson Blvd, Tucson AZ

This is our opportunity to publicly thank those who have put on the uniform to serve in the military. We must never forget the sacrifices and efforts our veterans have made and we can't forget that freedom comes with a price.

### 100th Tucson Veterans Day Parade

On Monday, November 11, the City of Tucson will host its 100th Annual Veterans Day Parade with its theme, "100 Years of Honoring Veterans." The Morgan McDermott Post 7 are coordinating the parade again this year. As a retired U.S. Army Veteran, I am looking forward to taking part in the parade and marking its 100th year of our City thanking the Veterans who served and those in active duty. For more information, please call 622-8703 or go online to [tucsonveteransdayparade.org](http://tucsonveteransdayparade.org).



### Ward 5 Neighborhood Meetings

South Park Neighborhood Association - Monday, November 5 at 6:00 pm, at Quincie Douglas Center, 1575 E. 36th Street.

Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association - Thursday, November 7 at 6:00 pm at Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 S. Park Avenue.

Mortimore Neighborhood Association – Wednesday, November 13 at 6:30 pm at Jesus Reigns Christian Fellowship, 5337 S. Palo Verde.

Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association - Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30 pm at Holmes Tuttle Boys & Girls Club, 2585 E. 36th Street.

Sunnyside Neighborhood Association – Monday, November 18 at 6:30 pm at Valencia Library, 202 W. Valencia Road.

Barrio Santa Rosa Neighborhood Association - Monday, November 18 at 6:00 pm, Santa Rosa Library, 1075 S. 10th Avenue.

SNAPP (Southside Neighborhood Assn. Presidential Partnership) – Thursday, November 21 at 6:00 pm at Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 S. Park Avenue.

29th Street Coalition – Wednesday, November 20, at 6:00 pm. Call 791-4231 for location.

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**Frequently Used Phone Numbers**

**Emergency Services**

Tucson Police Department or Tucson Fire Department  
DIAL 911

**Permits**

Planning and Development Services Department  
791-5550

**Housing Assistance**

City of Tucson Community Services Department  
791-4739

**Tucson Convention Center**

791-4101

**City of Tucson Code Enforcement**

791-5843

**TPD Red Tag Unit**

837-7318, Email: [redtag@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:redtag@tucsonaz.gov)

**Graffiti Removal**

792-CITY (2489)

**TPD Non Emergency**

791-4444

**Trash Pick Up & Environmental Services**

City of Tucson Environmental Services Department  
791-3171

**TDOT Street Maintenance**

791-3154, Email: [tdotconcerns@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:tdotconcerns@tucsonaz.gov)

**Tucson Water Department**

Billing - 791-3242, Public Information - 791-4331

**Park Tucson**

791-5071

**Pima Animal Care**

724-5900

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